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Occupational Employment Statistics

What is the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program?

OES provides employment and wage estimates for 800 occupations in over 300 industries. By contacting 1.2 million firms nation-wide, OES produces estimates for more than 375 metropolitan areas, 34 metropolitan divisions, all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, and many non-metropolitan areas. OES data is published annually in May.

Who uses OES data?

- State and local workforce investment boards as well as training professionals use the information to determine the need for local employment and training services.
- Economic development specialists use the information to estimate available labor supply.
- Researchers use the data to study trends in labor markets and industries and to understand labor costs for new markets.
- Students and counselors use the information for career planning.
- Compensation specialists use the data to determine equitable and competitive pay and develop recruiting packages.
- BLS and State Employment Security Agencies use OES data to project employment.

How can OES data help you?

- You can compare employment and wages for different occupations.
- You can compare employment and wages for particular occupations across industries.
- You can make wage comparisons across geographic areas.

Where can you find this information?

You can find our data online at <http://www.bls.gov/oes>. There you will find the latest news releases and can search for detailed information.

Whom should you contact if you have additional questions?

Contact the OES Information Staff by e-mail at oesinfo@bls.gov or by telephone at (202) 691-6569.

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OES data include occupational employment and wages by industry as well as occupational employment and wages by geographic areas: national, state, and metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas.

Top Paying Industries for Computer System Analysts

Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufacturing	4,710	\$41.78	\$86,900
Scientific Research and Development Services	9,120	\$41.05	\$85,390
Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	18,120	\$39.85	\$82,890
Securities and Commodity Contracts Intermediation and Brokerage	6,340	\$39.41	\$81,980
Internet Publishing and Broadcasting	430	\$39.13	\$81,390

May 2006 Average Annual Wages for Accountants and Auditors by MSA

